



Clinician Sheila Griffin, right, uses humor to teach students in the Gallaudet Summer Reading Clinic. They are, left to right, Jackie Robinson, Jamie Nomeland, Lisa Lachin, Tim Lombardo, Arthur Prather and Ronnie Bradley.

Summer reading clinics motivate deaf students to read more—and to enjoy it

Teaching reading with *USA Today* and the *National Enquirer* may be unconventional, but it works, according to Carol LaSasso, a professor in the Department of Education who directs the Gallaudet Reading Clinic for Hearing Impaired Children.

"For reading instruction to be effective, students need to be motivated," said Dr. LaSasso. "The *National Enquirer* is very popular with our students, and it is the single best source of idiomatic language that I have found."

The four-week clinic, which ended last week, has been held on campus for the past five years. This year's program is the largest, said Dr. LaSasso, with 37 students ranging in age from 9 to 18. Prior clinics have served students primarily from the Washington, D.C. area, but this year the students also come from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, California and one from Jamaica. The out-of-area students have been living with their parents in Clerc Hall.

In addition to the Gallaudet Reading Clinic, Dr. LaSasso is directing a second four-week reading clinic at the American School for the Deaf in Hartford, Conn., co-sponsored by the two schools. The ASD program, ending this week, marks the first field location for the Gallaudet-based clinic. Kathy Lovette, a supervisor in last summer's reading clinic here, is co-directing that program.

Expressing enthusiasm for what he termed a "state-of-the-art program," ASD Executive Director Winfield McChord Jr. said, "The Gallaudet Reading Clinic . . . provides intensive,

meaningful learning activities for deaf students during the summer months—a time when many deaf youngsters are excluded from remedial education programs."

Students attending the clinics are tested and assigned to small groups of three or four students. They are given a total of approximately 45 hours of diagnostic testing and tutoring by 12 experienced teachers of deaf children and three clinic supervisors. An optional afternoon recreation program offers swimming and other supervised activities.

The teachers—called clinicians—receive five graduate credits from the Department of Education for their work. According to Nancy Swaiko of the Maryland School for the Deaf, co-director of the Gallaudet Reading Clinic, many of the clinicians are likely to assume supervisory roles in future reading clinics outside the Washington, D.C. area.

Howard tops list for congressional funding

Colleges and universities in Washington, D.C. have obtained the bulk of congressional funds earmarked for specific institutions of higher education since 1983, according to a recent study by the Congressional Research Service (CRS).

Howard University topped the list with \$478 million in direct funding designated by Congress during the 3-year period. Gallaudet was second with \$176 million. The University of the District of Columbia was third with \$65 million, and Catholic University was sixth with \$14 million.

New AAS degree in office systems will be inaugurated this fall at SPS

Beginning this fall, Gallaudet's School for Preparatory Studies (SPS) will offer an associate of applied science (AAS) degree in office systems.

In a proposal approved by the Board of Trustees in May, developers of the new program said that the decision to establish the AAS degree in office systems was based on studies indicating that office systems is one of the fastest growing fields, "with a projected increase of more than 300,000 new jobs by the year 1990." In addition, said the proposal, "deaf students can successfully compete with hearing students in the field of office systems."

The proposal cited a report, prepared by Honeywell Corp. in conjunction with 17 other corporations, which projected that the demand for operators of computers and peripheral equipment will increase 63 percent by 1990.

The curriculum for the AAS degree program was developed in accordance with guidelines established by the National Council for Occupational Education. Members of both the SPS and collegiate faculty provided internal review of the curriculum. External review was provided by an 11-member AAS Advisory Board, with members representing major national corporations.

The "core" or general education component of the AAS curriculum has 46 required credit hours. The technical component consists of 43 required hours. The entire curriculum is competency-based. The AAS program will issue credits not automatically transferable to a baccalaureate degree.

The new program will be staffed by faculty currently employed by Gallaudet. Several major corporations are considering offering instructional support to the program.

Nine share \$35,000 in GFF awards

The Gallaudet Graduate Fellowship Fund (GFF) recently awarded a total of \$35,000 in grant money to nine hearing impaired students from across the country.

Students who received \$5,000 each were: Steven Baldwin, a doctoral student in theater history/criticism at the University of Texas; Chris Lehfeldt, a doctoral student at the University of Maryland at Baltimore School of Dentistry; and Laurie Johnson, a doctoral student in educational and counseling psychology at the University of Minnesota.

Awarded \$4,000 each were law students Teresa Curtin, New York Law University; Mara Anne Pace, the McGeorge School of Law; and Bonnie Ryan, Catholic University Law School. Another recipient of \$4,000 was Kathleen Brenza, a doctoral student in clinical psychology at the California

School of Professional Psychology.

Other students who received awards are Patricia Johanson, a doctoral student in public administration at George Washington University, \$2,500; and Karen Kristie, a doctoral student in special education at the University of Pittsburgh, \$1,500.

The fund provides assistance to deaf graduate students who are enrolled at colleges and universities where hearing impaired people are a minority.

Brasel new dean of Texas institute

Ron Brasel, sign communication instructor and coordinator of the graduate school sign communication program, has been named executive director/dean of South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf in Big Spring, Texas.

Brasel, currently a doctoral candidate in Gallaudet's special education administration program, was a member of the first graduating class of the Department of Counseling in 1971.

Prior to his position at Gallaudet, Brasel served seven years as dean of students at the South Dakota School for the Deaf. He is married to Laural Olson Brasel, a 1969 Gallaudet graduate. The couple has three children.

Dr. Lottie Riekehof, professor of sign communication, will assume Brasel's duties as coordinator of the graduate school sign communication program.

Chicken, ribs and people sizzle at staff picnic

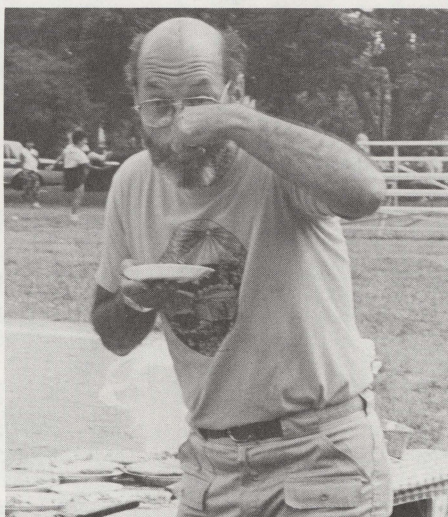


Seeking relief in the shade at the July 18 Staff Appreciation Picnic are, from left: Bob Granzen, Jo-Anne Jones, Ingrid Miller, Ernie

Adkins and Claude Pruitt. Rumor has it that the temperature went to 110 degrees Fahrenheit under the dining tent.



Gail Steever, Lou Markwith and Loraine DiPietro line up for the three-legged race.



ABOVE: An unidentified staffer makes the heat more "bareable" during a game of frisbee. LEFT: Al Sonnestrahl samples one of the many pies offered at the picnic. Several hundred staff members braved relentless heat and humidity to enjoy barbecued chicken and ribs with all the trimmings plus volleyball, frisbee, competitive games—and NO WORK for one afternoon.

NBC-TV decides to fund one-third of closed captioning in prime time

NBC-TV has "issued a challenge to producers and advertisers," said Lottie Gatewood, public affairs officer of the National Captioning Institute (NCI), about the network's recent decision to fund one-third the costs of captioning prime time programs.

Prior to the policy change, NBC was assuming the costs of encoding closed captions, the technical process of putting the captioned material on the air. NBC will continue to encode programs

in other time slots.

"This is definitely a change in position for NBC," said Gatewood. "It's marvelous because it puts up a challenge to producers and advertisers to match NBC's contribution." According to Gatewood, the cost of captioning one hour of programming is approximately \$2,200.

NBC provided 13½ hours a week of captioning last year. One of its sponsors, Proctor and Gamble, funded captioning for the first captioned daytime soap opera, "Search for Tomorrow." Gatewood said that response in the deaf community to the show was "phenomenal," adding that the show will not be cancelled this year as rumored.

Of the three major networks, ABC-TV has been the most supportive of captioning, said Gatewood. Last year was the first year since the inception of NCI in 1980 that all of ABC's prime time programs were captioned, totaling 42 hours a week.

ABC affiliates last year contributed \$50,000 for the captioning of "Moonlighting" and "Dynasty" and have renewed the contract for captioning those programs again this year. Costs not covered by the grant are being supplied by NCI's Caption Club, a consumer group that last year contributed more than \$100,000 for captioning.

CBS-TV is "now coming on board" with more captioning, said Gatewood. CBS began captioning in 1983 with "Dallas" and now has 12½ hours of captioning a week.

Jobs Available

Some of the advertised staff positions may already be filled. For updated information, call the JOB RECORDING in the Personnel Office, x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

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LESSONS OFFERED: Private swimming lessons, Aug. 4-22 from 1-8 p.m. Call Marcia, 336-3017 eves.

FOR SALE: 1982 Kawasaki, 440 LTD motorcycle, great cond., garage-kept, low mileage. Incl. 2 like-new helmets and adjustable backrest. Make offer. Call x4113 (V/TDD) or 937-6680 (V).

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WANTED: Female, nonsmoker, to rent room or share house in Alexandria, quiet neighborhood, big yard, near Metro, AC, W/D. Call Debbie, 548-9738 (V).

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